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Datuk Dr George Chan (holding microphone) flanked by Unimas Chairman, Tan Sri Datuk Amar Haji Bujang Mohd Nor (left) and Software Technology Institute Director, Professor Dr Zahran Abdul Halim conversing with the Prime Minister via video conferencing.



Datuk Dr George Chan video taping the video conferencing session

Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad giving his keynote address through video conferencing during the opening of the INFOTECH Conference Malaysia '96.



MSC: Don't forget Sarawak

KOTA SAMARAHAN: The Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad was yesterday requested to include Sarawak in the development of the multimedia supercorridor (MSC).

Deputy Chief Minister, Datuk Dr George Chan, who is also the Minister for Finance and Public Utilities, made the call here in a video conferencing session with the Prime Minister in Kuala Lumpur.

Dr Chan and other dignitaries were present at the Universiti Malaysia Sarawak's (Unimas) Multi-

media Theatre to witness the opening of the INFOTECH Malaysia Conference 96' by Dr Mahathir, who is also the Chairman of the National Information Technology Council (NITC) at the Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC) in Kuala Lumpur.

Besides being transmitted here, the launching ceremony was also transmitted to six other venues - Institut Teknologi Mara, Pahang; Universiti Utara Malaysia, Kedah; Universiti Teknologi Malaysia, Johor; Universiti Sains Malaysia, Pulau

Pinang; Malaysian Administrative Modernisation and Manpower Planning Unit (Mampu), Sabah and Sultan Zainal Abidin College, Terengganu.

About 100 people witnessed the launching here.

Unfortunately, Sarawak was the only state that was unable to pose its question to the Prime Minister due to time constraint.

It was the second national conference and it carried the theme "Towards A Knowledge Society - Creating the Environment for

Change."

The three-day conference which will end today is sponsored by NITC and jointly organised by Mimos Bhd, Mampu, Malaysian National Computer Federation (MNCC), Association of the Computer Industry Malaysia (Pikom) and Telekom Malaysia Bhd.

Malaysia's premier information technology exhibition, ITX '96, was also held at the PWTC in connection with the conference.

Unimas also opened a booth in the exhibition.